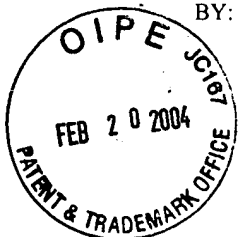


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Appln. No:	09/848,798	: Examiner:
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For:	RH(D)-BINDING PROTEINS AND	: (MLB No.053893-5008-02)
	MAGNETICALLY ACTIVATED CELL	: (Client No. K-1855)
	SORTING METHOD FOR PRODUCTION	:
	THEREOF	:

AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 (Paper No. 6), sent in connection with the above-captioned application.

This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action to and through February 29, 2004.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the paragraph immediately below the "title" and insert the following paragraph in place thereof:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/240,274, ~~now~~ ~~allowed~~, filed January 29, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,255,455, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of prior U.S. Application No. 08/884,045, filed June 27, 1997 (now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,876,925), which in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to provisional U.S. Application No. 60/081,380, filed April 10, 1998 and to provisional U.S. Application No. 60/028,550, filed October 11, 1996, all of which are incorporated by reference herein as if set forth in their entirety. --